

**Bedford Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of Nov. 1, 2011**

Present: Donald Corey, Lorrie Dunham, Rose Pappert, Robert Slechta, Alethea Yates (two vacancies)

- 1. Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting of Oct. 4, 2011 were approved 4 – 1 – 0.
- 2. Financial report:** Town report indicated that \$758.50 has been spent (memorial bench, garden stakes) and \$461.50 remains unexpended.
- 3. Invitation to comment on proposed telecom facility on Crosby Drive.** No comment. Water tower is existing and there is no hist./arch. significance.
- 4. Demolition Delay applications:** None.
- 5. Old Bedford Center Survey and Planning Grant:** The grant proposal, having been submitted to the MHC, the HPC (D.C.) will request \$5000 from CPC to fund preparation of forms for nomination of the proposed expanded Old Bedford Center District to the N.R.
- 6. Bedford Depot Park:** D.C. reported that William Deane, who has been elected V.P. of the Friends, intends to become Pres. in the next term. A committee including Deane, D.C. and others will soon meet to oversee running of the store which Deane, at present feels unprepared to undertake without assistance.
- 7. Bench at Fawn Lake:** R. Warrington of the DPW and Elizabeth Bagdonas of the Conservation Commission have selected the location for the Mimi Adler memorial bench.
- 8. Job Lane House:** The house tour season is now over and the house will be closed up for the winter after Thanksgiving. The house alarm, which has been activated several times in the garden shed, has been shut off while the problem is investigated. In the recent storm, two limbs of the old Macintosh tree near the house have been broken. A Maple in the rear of the house has been split in half and the Linden at the south end of the driveway lost some branches. One of the specimen trees in the apple orchard has been split, but may be repairable. Report sent to DPW.
- 9. Wilson Mill Park:** The bid package for the restoration of the park is now in and available for examination.
- 10. Potential new members for the commission:** One of our full-term vacancies has been filled by the appointment of L.C. Two vacancies remain.
- 11. Ethics Reform Bill – online training.** All members, with the exception of R.P. and AY, have completed the training.

12. Updating the Comprehensive Plan: A.Y. and D.C. presented a draft revision of the HPC part of the Plan which was discussed at some length. A second draft will be e-mailed to Commission members for final review before a joint meeting with the Planning Board now scheduled for Dec. 6.

13. Jenks Nature Trail: L.D. and D.C. reported that there is an informal group, including Jacqui Edwards, John Zupkus, Travis Johnson, Janet Powers, L.D. and D.C, now meeting to make proposals for restoring the trail. The group will probably become a sub-committee of BARC. New plantings and signage are being discussed with a tour and planting to take place on Earth and/or Arbor Day in April.

14. Dudley Road kiosk. A.Y. reported that no suggestions have been received for additions to the bulletin board. Trail markers and difficulty for the uninitiated to find the 2 Brothers Rocks without a guide were discussed. R.S. suggested that signs should be posted and said that he would contact Susan Russo of the N.P.S. Nat. Wildlife Refuge in Sudbury and Art Smith of the Bedford Conservation Commission about the possibility.

15. New business: Richard Jones of Facilities asked D.C. for guidelines as to ways in which CPA funds can be used for historic preservation projects. The Capital Expenditures Committee is also interested. D.C., a member of the CPC provided the information on draft copies of a letter to be sent to Jones.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Slechta
Clerk